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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 May 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 16-48 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 16-48 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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Upon further review and consideration of the specification and the claims, it is found that this application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species:

Species I, wherein the composition is aqueous based, with no alcohol or oil component;

Species II, wherein the composition contains alcohol;

Species III, wherein the composition contains an oil;

It is noted that, depending on whether the composition contains these components or not, the compositions will differ significantly such as to be patentably distinct. That is, having one composition would not necessarily make obvious one of the other compositions.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowable generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

To expedite prosecution, several points are noted. The amendment filed 1/12/07 has been found to be non-compliant. The amendment directs the PTO to replace sections of the specification, referring to these sections by paragraph number. However, the specification, as originally filed, does not contain paragraph numbers; only page numbers. Applicant is given the same Statutory Period For Response of 1 Month or 30 Days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication, to correct the non-compliance. Also, it is

noted that originally filed pages 11-27 did not contain any clarifying text as to what the tables, found on those pages, are intended to represent. For example, it is not clear whether these tables represent just lists of potential ingredients, compositions directed to the inventions, or compositions of prior art comparative compositions. For example, what does the table represent on page 11 of the specification – or for that matter, any of the tables? It is not seen that the rest of the specification helps in deciphering what information these tables are intended to convey. It is noted that the non-compliant amendment does add additional text, not present in the originally filed specification. However, applicant's justification for these newly added captions (i.e., p15 of communication received 1/12/07), is not seen to be adequate. What does in the page "margins" mean? In the next response, applicant should consider adding justification for all of the newly presented text to avoid the issue of New Matter. Also, applicant should consider what appears to be inconsistencies in the specification/claims. For example, claim 18 recites that the surfactant is alcohol, yet claim 34 distinguishes between the composition having both a surfactant and an alcohol. Is the alcohol a surfactant, or functioning as one, or isn't it? Clarification and/or correction is suggested. Similarly, it is not clear what the function of the oils is in the composition nor is it clear why claims, such as claim 16, recite both a liquid sweetener and a viscosity/texture modifier when the specification discloses that the viscosity/texture modifier is selected from the group consisting of consumable sugars, syrups and/or gums. That is, as disclosed, the viscosity/texture modifier is a liquid sweetener.

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, no claim appears to be generic to all of the species of compositions.

Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

The election of an invention or species may be made with or without traverse. To reserve a right to petition, the election must be made with traverse. If the reply does not distinctly and specifically point out supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election shall be treated as an election without traverse.

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the inventions or species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the inventions or species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C.103(a) of the other invention.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steven L. Weinstein whose telephone

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number is 571-272-1410. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:00 A.M.-2:30 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Milton Cano can be reached on 571-272-1398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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